

The Personality of Franciscan Jan Barta in Totalitarian Régime in Bohemia

Abstract

This thesis describes briefly the life of Francis of Assisi. Further, it deals with history of male Franciscan orders in Bohemia and Moravia. Also it concisely maps important events within several centuries. Above all it focuses on modern history in the period of the totalitarian regime in Bohemia.

The dissertation pays attention to the personality of Jan Barta, the leading figure of Czech Franciscanism and to holy orders in our country, in the communist supremacy time.

The thesis presents important moments in the life of this famous personality. It covers years in prison, writing theological works, organizing life and study of brethren and nuns, re-establishing communion of monastic orders in family - like houses. It mentions suffering before his death linked with his health problems that were caused by questioning from state security.

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